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Contract

ESF Skills for Growth: Innovation Pot

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-038614

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ESF Skills for Growth: Innovation Pot

Reference number

DN614912

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This call for projects formed part of GM's ESF Skills for Growth Programme, which aims to support GM business fill occupational skills gaps and create both individual progression

and business growth in the region.

Intelligence tells us that there are still skills gaps across GM we could tackle with this opportunity, and we know that providers on our FPS have a lot to contribute to this using their own work with employers and knowledge of skills gaps in GM.

Therefore, we created a £6m innovation pot to allow providers to put forward innovative ideas that they believe can help to tackle some of the skills gaps which have not already been addressed, meet the ESF requirements and wider programme aims, and be delivered within the timescale available.

The specification is part of a longer-term plan to develop skills to ensure that businesses are better able to retain and progress staff. Increasing opportunities for upskilling and investing in staff training and development has been highlighted as a key factor in reducing staff turnover and increasing business growth. The overarching aim of the package is to improve skills, create pathways for progression, and prepare people for higher apprenticeships/higher levels of learning.

This opportunity was commissioned as a further competition/call off from the education, work and skills flexible procurement system.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,943,671.31

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

15S20C04129

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 175-423970](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Seetec Business Technology Centre Limited

Essex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,998,763.75

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21 October 2022

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Growth Company Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £364,800

Section V. Award of contract

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V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 October 2022

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Number of tenders received: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Growth Company Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £499,008

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NGTC Ltd

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £296,999.56

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Reform Radio Community Interest Company

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £280,100

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SB Skills Solutions Ltd

Lancashire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £504,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

Country

United Kingdom